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Sermon Guide Notes: December 28, 2025

Message Title: Treasure in Fragile Jars

Main Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7–18

One Sentence Sermon: God places His greatest treasure—the life of Jesus—inside weak, ordinary people so that His power can be seen through our brokenness.

Main Truth: Paul shifts the focus from the glory of the message to the weakness of the messenger. But it's in that weakness that the power of God is most clearly seen.

1. We are fragile jars carrying eternal treasure

- 2 Corinthians 4:7
- We are not flashy or flawless — just ordinary clay.
- God uses our weakness to showcase His power.

2. Weakness is not a disqualification — it's an opportunity

- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9
- Romans 8:37
- When life presses in, God's strength holds us up.
- What comes out under pressure reveals what's inside — let it be Christ.

3. Die to self so the life of Jesus can be seen

- 2 Corinthians 4:10-11
- Philippians 3:10
- Surrender leads to greater spiritual fruit.
- It's not about trying harder — it's about dying deeper.



4. Ministry is pouring yourself out for others

- 2 Corinthians 4:12
- Ministry is not about status — it's about sacrifice.

5. Real faith speaks

- 2 Corinthians 4:13
- Psalm 116 (quoted)
- If you believe, then speak.
- Faith expresses itself even when life is hard.

6. Our hope is anchored in the resurrection

- 2 Corinthians 4:14
- John 11:25
- Our future is secure because Jesus lives.

7. Suffering spreads grace and brings glory to God

- 2 Corinthians 4:15
- 2 Corinthians 4:15 (NLT)
- When grace spreads, thanksgiving grows and God gets the glory.

8. We do not lose heart — we are renewed daily

- 2 Corinthians 4:16
- Isaiah 40:31
- Our bodies may weaken, but our spirits grow stronger in Him.

9. Our afflictions are temporary — the glory is eternal

- 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
- Romans 8:18
- What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory to come.

Closing Story: Kara Tippetts

- Kara was a pastor's wife and mother of four with terminal cancer.
- Her life reflected 2 Corinthians 4 — fragile, yet filled with Christ.



- She said, 'Suffering is not the absence of God's goodness, it's the presence of His grace.'

Final Encouragement: You don't have to look perfect for God to use you. Let the light of Jesus shine through your story — even the broken parts. It's not about the jar — it's about the treasure inside.

3 Action Steps:

1. Let Jesus shine through your brokenness — your imperfections are where His glory is seen.
2. Speak boldly — faith doesn't stay silent, even in suffering.
3. Fix your eyes on eternity — this life is temporary, but the glory to come is forever.

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